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SHRI PRASANTACHATTERJEE:*

SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:*

(Interruptions)

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned to meet at two o'clock.

The House then adjourned at fifty-three minutes past twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at one minute past ■ two of the clock.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

GOVERNMENT BILL

The Indian Rifles (Repeal) Bill, 2006

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we take up the Indian Rifles (Repeal) Bill, 2006.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill to repeal the Indian Rifles Act, 1920, be taken into consideration.

The provisions of the Act read as under:

"The Act may be called the Indian Rifles Act, 1920.

All Police Officers enrolled under the provisions of any local Military Police or Rifles Act shall be subject to the discipline and penalties prescribed by such Act, wherever serving in India."

*Not recorded.

[30 November, 2006]

RAJYA SABHA

The Indian Rifles Act, 1920 was enacted with a view to provide for better discipline of police officers enrolled in Military Police or Rifle Battalions who were enrolled under the various local Acts prevalent/ applicable in different territories of pre-Independence India.

The said Act was relevant when there were many princely States in pre-partition India. At present, the Police Forces are governed either by the respective State or Union Territory Police Acts or the Indian Police Act, 1861, or by the Acts governing the Central Police Forces. As such, the Indian Rifles Act, 1920 has become obsolete. So, there is no need to keep the Act on the Statute book and hence the said Act needs to be repealed.

Sir, with these few words, I commend this Bill for consideration of this august House.

The question was proposed.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The question is:

That the Bill to repeal the Indian Rifles Act, 1920, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, we shall take up clause-by clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL: Sir, I beg to move:

That the Bill be passed.

The motion was adopted.

SHORT DURATION DISCUSSION

The Internal Security Scenario in the Country — Contd.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHIVRAJ V. PATIL): Sir I am grateful to the hon. Chairman and yourself and other Chairpersons